

Louis XV French Styled Furniture

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Louis XV style is one of the most beautiful styles of French design. Louis XV style took place between 1730-1775 and often feature curvy furniture such as bombe chests, sexy desks, and ornate mirrors. If a French piece of furniture is exaggerated in its curves, chances are, they flow from the inspiration of Louis XV. The key feature of unbroken curves is the principle behind the inspiration of Louis XV furniture style such as graceful curves seen in Louis desks, where the legs sweep with delicate lines and shape. Chairs are often seen curved at the back which flows through to the front often seeing curved cushions. Louis XV architecture is likewise as ceilings are seen with curved features such as domed ceilings, and archways. Round ornate gilt rosettes sit in 3D paneled designs on the walls. Walls, doors and decorative moldings are featured in curved designs.

Heavy motifs were highly in style during the Louis XV period. Motifs decorated beds, mirrors, dressers, desks, chairs, and pretty much everything else. If you love anything heavily carved, you will really get excited about Louis XV styles.

Louis XV style is romantic, which was often the source for images of love such as cupid and love scenes featured in pastoral scenes which have been very common during the rococo period. Rococo Style is a term that goes with the Louis XV style, as rock and shell were two items most often featured during this time which is where the name is derived from.

Rococo style is often very elaborate and features heavy ornamentation and decoration. Many of the wood surfaces on French chests, tables and desks were often decorated with delicate wood Inlay work and decorated with ormolu mounts. During this period, hand painting came to light as a fascination with Chinese motifs became popular. Painted wood furniture was often painted and with delicate Chinese scenes called Chinoiserie.

Louis XV is a style often sought after by interior designers and featured in the most popular magazines such as Veranda, Home Beautiful, and Architectural Digest which feature homes of Hollywood celebrities and the most wealthy in the world.



Waddesdon Manor, a renaissance-style château designed by French architect Destailleur in 1874 for Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild whose family line is one of the richest families in the world. The family made their fortune though owning banks around the world, and are globally known for their involvement in creating the new world order, which has been a hot topic around the world.

Waddesdon Manor is now available to the public as a museum. The chateau is was designed is after the great chateaus of the Loire Valley, and known today for its world-renowned collection of French furniture, and paintings. Several major paintings are featured such as Gainsborough, Reynolds, Rubens, Watteau, and Boucher.

Waddesdon's eighteenth-century French furniture rank in quality, rarity and are considered as valuable as items in the Metropolitan Museum, NYC, and the Louvre, Paris. Waddesdon has been picked as one of the top ten stately homes to visit in the UK.

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